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Box Patent Application Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Attorney's Docket No. SONY-U0595

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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application entitled:
INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10

I hereby certify that this New Application and the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date <u>December 4, 2000</u>, in an envelope bearing "Express Mail Post Office To Addressee" Mailing Label Number <u>EL776051372US</u> addressed to: Box Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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Enclosed are:

- 1. X Transmittal Form (two copies required)
- 2. The papers required for filing date under CFR § 1.53(b):
 - 51 Pages of specification (including claims and abstract);
 - ii. 14 Sheets of drawings.
- 3. Declaration or oath
 - a. _x. Newly executed -Combined with Power of Attorney

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- x An assignment of the invention to Sony Corporation is attached (including Form PTO-1595).
 - i. __ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
- 5. x Power of Attorney Combined with Declaration
- 7. Preliminary Amendment.
- 8. X Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503 -- should be specifically itemized)
- 9. FOREIGN PRIORITY
 - [x] Priority of application no. <u>P11-349775</u> filed on <u>December 9, 1999</u> in <u>Japan</u> is claimed under 35 USC 119.

The certified copy of the priority application:

- x is filed herewith; or
- has been filed in prior application no. _ filed on _, or
- _ will be provided.
- __ English Translation Document (if applicable)

10. FEE CALCULATION

a. __ Amendment changing number of claims or deleting multiple dependencies is enclosed.

CLAIMS AS FILED

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|----------------------|
| | Number Filed | Number Extra | Rate | Basic Fee (\$710) |
| Total Claims | 13 - 20 | * 0 | x \$18.00 | 0 |
| Independent Claims | 9 - 3 | * 6 | x \$80.00 | 480.00 |
| Multiple dependent claim(s), if any | | \$270.00 | 0 | |

*If less than zero, enter "0".

Filing Fee Calculation \$1,190.00

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11. Small Entity Status

a. __ A small entity statement is enclosed.

- b. A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is
 - still proper and desired.
- c. __ is no longer claimed.
- 12. Other Fees
 - x
 Recording Assignment [\$40.00]
 \$40.00

 0 Other fees
 Specify
 \$0

Total Fees Enclosed \$1,230.00

- 13. Payment of Fees
 - x Check(s) in the amount of \$ 1,230.00 enclosed.
 - Charge Account No. 12-1420 in the amount of \$__.
- A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.
- 14. All correspondence regarding this application should be forwarded to the undersigned attorney:

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- 15. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees
 - X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Account No. 12-1420. A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

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